

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

SEVERE WEATHER 8 May 2008 SITUATION REPORT # 5 - FINAL 1500 Hours 16 May 2008

New Information in bold italic font

SUMMARY

During the overnight hours of May 8 and throughout the day 9 May, a storm system moved across the Commonwealth generating heavy rain and wind. A second storm system impacted the Commonwealth with heavy rains and gusty winds on 11 and 12 May. The Virginia Emergency Operations Center received reports of storm related damage and minor flooding from several localities across the Commonwealth. ***National Weather Service (NWS) Forecast Offices confirmed 5 tornadoes impacted the Commonwealth on 8 May***, NWS Sterling confirmed a low end EF 2 tornado impacted Stafford County and an ***EF 0 tornado impacted Nelson County***. NWS Blacksburg confirmed EF 1 tornadoes impacted Henry, Appomattox, and Pittsylvania counties. No storm related fatalities were reported and one injury was reported in Stafford County.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: ***The VEOC has resumed Routine Operations.*** Secretary of Public Safety Marshall visited the England Run North Subdivision in Stafford County on 9 May.

Protective Actions:

Local Emergency Declared:

Stafford County declared a local emergency on 9 May.

City of Martinsville declared a local emergency on 9 May

Loudoun County declared a local emergency on 12 May

Local Emergency Operations Center Activated:

City of Martinsville opened 9 May at 0900 hours, closed 1200 hours 9 May

City of Danville opened 9 May at 0630 hours and closed 1100 hours 9 May

Nelson County opened 8 May at 2230 hours, closed 0700 hours 9 May

City of Alexandria opened 11 May at 2230 hours and closed 0400 hours 12 May

Prince William County opened at 0800 hours 12 May

Loudoun County opened at 11 May at 2100 hours and closed 1600 hours 12 May

Fairfax County opened 11 May at 2300 hours and closed at 0830 hours 12 May

WEATHER

Forecast:

Friday, 16 May: Mostly cloudy with slight chance of showers and possible thunderstorms; high temperatures mid 60's to mid 80's; winds 10-20 MPH with gusts up to 30 MPH across Southwest and Southeast VA. Friday night: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms; low temperatures mid 40's to mid 50's; winds 5-15 MPH with gusts up to 30 MPH across West Central VA. Saturday, 17 May: Mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers across Southwest and Northwest VA; high temperatures low to upper 70's; winds 10-20 MPH. Saturday night: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers; low temperatures low 50's to low 60's; winds 5-15 MPH.

OPERATIONS SECTION

Local Liaison:

Region 7 Coordinator Hopkins is available to assist Stafford County and Loudoun County officials. Region 2 Coordinator Sterling assisted Spotsylvania County and City of Fredericksburg officials on 9 May.

INFRASTRUCTURE BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation: Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
All Primary and Secondary roads are reopened

ESF 12 – Energy: ***Power has been restored to all customers affected by the severe weather***

**ESF 14 – Long-term
Community Recovery** **Initial Damage Assessment Reports:**

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public</u>
Franklin County	\$5,000	\$3,500
Fredericksburg, City of	\$1,800,000	\$0
Martinsville, City of	\$70,000	\$86,500
Spotsylvania County	\$1,000,000	\$0
Stafford County	\$7,700,000	\$0
Pittsylvania County	\$ 116,000	\$0
<i>Alexandria, City of</i>	<i>\$ 250,000</i>	<i>\$500,000</i>
Total	\$10,941,000	\$590,000

State Public Assistance Damage Assessment Team deployed to Stafford County 12 May to tour impacted sites with County officials and explain state Public Assistance Program eligibility and overall process. ***VDEM Recovery Staff forwarded guidance information on the State Public Assistance Program to Stafford County officials. VDEM Recovery Staff coordinated with VA Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VA VOAD) to identify potential debris removal services to support unmet needs. VDEM Recovery Staff briefed Stafford County Local Emergency Management Coordinator on Federal Individual Assistance Program. VDEM Recovery staff is reviewing data from Initial Damage Reports that were submitted.***

HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

**ESF 17 – Volunteers and
Donations:** American Red Cross
10 case workers assisting at Stafford County Disaster Assistance Center; ***the Emergency Response Unit and 2 Mobile Feeding Stations demobilized on 14 May.***

VA Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters
Assisting identified areas in Stafford with debris and cleanup operations

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Situation Unit ***This is the Final Situation Report reference this Event.***

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Stafford County: NWS Sterling confirmed a low end EF 2 tornado impacted the England Run North Subdivision at approximately 2255 hrs 8 May. Initial damage assessments report 4 homes destroyed, 62 homes major damage, 62 homes minor damage, 1 church damaged and 1 commercial building damaged. Disaster Assistance Center will be open daily at Fire Station #12, Route 17, 2 miles north of incident, from 0800 to 1630 hours until at least the end of this week, 16 May. A 24/7 limited staffed command post will remain operational until later this week. Residents were permitted to reoccupy houses determined to be safe on 9 May and the shelter was closed. An updated Initial Damage Assessment Report is being prepared to reflect the damages not previously reported. Stafford County Sheriff's Department lifted access control operations on 11 May and will continue with increased security. All mutual aid assistance provided by the FBI Quantico National Capital Region Incident Management Team, District of Columbia Fire Department, City of Fredericksburg Fire/EMS and Fairfax County Fire/EMS demobilized 11 May. All citizens to date in the impacted area have reported they are insured. ***Humans Services is working with 40 families that lost entire residence to address long term housing issues. Clean up and recovery operations continue and***

county emergency management staff is working with volunteer and county groups doing tree debris removal operations.

Martinsville, City of: Three people were evacuated and 1 home was flooded.

Danville, City of: 12 people were evacuated, but no reports of flood damage.

Nelson County: **NWS Sterling confirmed an EF 0 tornado impacted the area near Shipman.** The County reported 2 homes with major damage.

Henry/Franklin County: NWS Blacksburg confirmed an EF 1 tornado impacted the area north of Figsboro in Henry County and moved north into Franklin County. Franklin County reported 1 home with damage.

Spotsylvania County: NWS Sterling determined that damage was due to straight line winds estimated at 100 MPH. County reported damage to one industrial complex.

Fredericksburg, City of: NWS Sterling determined that damage was due to straight line winds estimated at 100 MPH. The City reported damage to one industrial complex.

Prince William County: Several homes in one subdivision had flooding in the basements.

Appomattox County: NWS Blacksburg confirmed an EF 1 tornado impacted an area 2 miles west of the Town of Hixburg. VEOC received no reports of damages.

Pittsylvania County: NWS Blacksburg confirmed an EF 1 tornado impacted an area 3 miles east-southeast of the Town of Ajax. Pittsylvania County Officials reported minor damage to 3 single family homes, 2 mobile homes and agriculture property.

Loudoun County: County Emergency Management reported two privately owned bridges providing access to a total of 15 residences were impacted and damaged by debris in the flooded Goose Creek south of Leesburg along Kin Road. Local Public Works staff continues to survey bridge damage and implement temporary solutions for access to the impacted area.

Alexandria, City of: **City Emergency Management reported 2 single family homes received major damage caused by trees destroying second story of home; 2 cars damaged by falling trees; slope failure on Telegraph Road ramp to Interstate 495 closed one lane until repairs were completed.**

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